

BIG HATS AND LONG HAIR.

HOW THE COWBOYS USED TO MAKE THEIR OWN HATS.

Rawhide Molded in the Ground and Dried in the Sun—Big Rimmed Fur Hats That Have Taken the Old Rawhide's Place.

"Take," says a cowboy of the plains, "for instance, the cowboy's big rimmed hat. The fact alone that it has been worn without changing fashion for generation after generation is enough to indicate that use, not vanity, dictated its origin. Until recent years, when the importance of these hats was recognized by hat manufacturers and wool, felt and fur were turned to account in making them, we made our own hats. A hole, as near the shape and size of our heads as we could make it, was dug in the ground. A large circular piece of rawhide, wet, soft and pliable, was spread over the hole. With a bunch of grass or buckskin, the center of the rawhide was pressed down into the hole until it assumed its shape and shape. The surrounding circle of hide, which was to be the rim, was kept flat on the ground by constant patting of the hands all around it.

When the hat was molded it was left until it was well dried by the sun. Then it was taken to a place where smoke and heat scorched it so that it was perfectly waterproof. Then it was trimmed with strings and straps and was ready for use, and that use is often to throw a quickly spreading prairie fire back on the burned ground before it has a chance to gain headway; often to turn wild cattle and horses in the direction we want them to go. When the sun is scorching hot and there is a blister in every puff of wind, this great hat is much cooler than a straw hat. When the wind is blowing the sand like hot shot in our faces we would suffer greatly but for the protection afforded our eyes by the big-brimmed hat. When the mud is flying from the heels of the stampeding cattle, or the terrible hailstorms of the plains are pelting upon us, these hats are the best friends we have. We wear leather bands on all our hats, because cotton, woolen, or silk won't wear and won't keep the hats on.

REASONS FOR LONG HAIR.

"Nowadays our hats are made in the east, and made of the best fur of the best water animals. We can wash them or soak them in water for that matter, after they have been exposed to all kinds of weather, and they hold their shape as if they were just out of the factory. They will do service for many years. The Stetson hat is the most commonly used in the west. They cost from \$8 to \$30. If made to order they cost a great deal more. I have seen hats that cost \$500. Buffalo Bill has had many hats of that kind presented to him from people that he has guided safely across the great plains in times of danger from hostile Indians and Mormons. These fur hats have taken the place of the old home-made rawhide hats, as they answer every purpose.

"As to our long hair, there are good reasons why we wear it. Our business is out doors, rain or shine and in many changes of climate, and we have found from experience that the greatest protection to the eyes and ears is long hair. Old miners and prospectors know this well. Hunters, scouts, trappers and guides let their hair grow as a rule. Those who have been prejudiced against it have suffered the consequences of sore eyes, pains in the head, and loud ringing in the ears. A peculiar result of exposure without the protection of long hair is loss of hearing in one ear, caused by one or the other of the ears being exposed more when the plainsman is lying on the ground. Healthy hearing and eyesight are of the greatest importance to a scout, hunter or horseman. When we see an object at a distance we want to know whether it is a cloud-burst coming upon us, a prairie fire, an enemy in the neighborhood, or what it is. The longer we look at it the more distinct it becomes, if our eyes are good. It won't do for them to be weak and watery, and, having found that the growth and wearing of long hair not only preserves, but strengthens our sight, and makes our hearing more acute, we let nature have her way, and profit by it. There are some white men whose interests call them to live among the Indians, and it is a fact that by letting their hair grow long they gain favor with the people they live among, and get along much better."—New York Sun.

Education by Mesmerism.

The French Association for the Advancement of Science, which has been meeting at Nancy, gravely discussed, among other matters, one very capital idea. This was the suggestion of M. Felix Hement that a revolution in educational methods should be effected by means of hypnotism. The manner of working it is delightfully simple. The naughty boy who won't learn his alphabet, the malicious little girl who insists on teasing the baby, and the infant teacher in general, would, under this admirable system, be reduced to a condition of hypnotism at the beginning of the day, and then instructed by "suggestion." Whatever the educational result might be, there can be no doubt of the advantages to be gained by the child's friends and relations; its existence would be an alternating round of sleep and happy coma. Childhood itself might be happier with lessons and medicine administered during periods of blissful unconsciousness. Unhappily the scheme is not yet fully matured. A certain Dr. Hum had the hardihood to ridicule the excellent notion, and some others followed suit; so, for the present, nothing has come of it.—St. James' Gazette.

He Was Positively Dishonest.

An American ranchman had employed a Mexican herder. The American owed the Mexican \$50 and as money was not very plentiful with him, began to devise means of a cheaper settlement. One evening while the two men were in the kitchen the American took down a coffee mill and said: "This is the most wonderful machine in the world. It was recently invented in the United States and is valued at \$100. See here! Instead of having to crush your coffee with a stone, you put it in this way and grind it up. I never saw anything like it. Old man Jones over here wants it so bad he don't know what to do. Offered me \$100 for it, but I would not accept the offer."

The Mexican listened attentively, but assumed an air of indifference. The American left the mill on a shelf. When he got up the next morning he found that the Mexican and the coffee mill had disappeared. "You can't place any confidence in the honesty of a Mexican," said he. "That fellow is positively dishonest."—Arkansas Traveler.

Off in Their Calculations.

The life of the average opera is said to be twenty-five years. The life of the average ballet dancer in the opera is only about eighteen years, according to their own testimony, but they don't look it by about half a century.—Norristown Herald.

That Is the Reason.

There are 60,000 more women than men in Massachusetts. This is one reason why a man can never hold a seat in a Boston street car for more than one consecutive minute.—New Haven News.

ONLY ONE OF HIS KIND.

A Queer Little Old Man Who Gets Along by Following a Queer Business.

On a much-traveled uptown thoroughfare a little half-story wooden shop stands between two big business blocks, for all the world like a diminutive chunk of ham between the abnormally thick slices of bread in a railroad sandwich. The little shop and ground on which it is built are owned by a shriveled old man. The shop has two front windows. In one hangs a card bearing the legend "Buttonholes Inside," and in the other is another with the inscription, "Any button matched—10 cents only."

Within the little shop are shelves and counters covered with pasteboard trays containing a larger collection of buttons, probably, than can be found anywhere else in New York. There is every sort of button known to civilization, from the plain white shirt button whose absence has caused untold miseries in many a family circle, to the bold-faced metallic military button which saves a life every now and then in war stories by turning a bullet from its deadly course; buttons of jet, gilt, ivory, bone, glass and wood, plain buttons, parti-colored buttons, enamelled buttons, plush-covered buttons, buttons with shanks and without shanks, rough buttons and smooth buttons, buttons that were invented yesterday and buttons that were made half a century ago.

In the back of the shop there is a bench like a cobbler's, where the old man sits all day cross-legged. A pretty-faced little girl, who looks old for her size, waits upon customers. She is the little old man's granddaughter. Neither the old man nor his granddaughter is inclined to talk freely about their business. To a reporter, however, the little girl said: "We match buttons and sew them on the coats or vests of gentlemen and on the dresses of ladies. Oh, yes, we have a good many customers, principally young men, who have lost a button or two and haven't any one to sew them on or can't match the buttons in the regular stores. We often have calls from seamstresses also, who need a few buttons they can't find elsewhere. You see our collection is so large that we can supply the missing buttons in almost any set. Where did we get such a large collection? Grandpa has been gathering it for years. He has a number of tailor shops and dressmaking establishments which he visits regularly. From these he gets odd buttons by the hundreds, very cheap. We charge only 10 cents for any button that may be desired. Of course, some of them are worth a good deal more than that, but as the demand is greatest for the cheap kinds we make a fair profit in the long run."—New York Mail and Express.

Glimpse of German Social Life.

Compared with an American watering place life is exceedingly simple. There are no great balls, no splendor, no brilliant life, no Anglomaniacs. More than this, there are no gambling halls, and if the devil is here in any shape he keeps so secluded that he can do no harm. The best sides and the most refined life of German society are seen here to advantage, and one is continually struck with their increasing resemblance to the people of the greater outer world in manners, instincts, and appearance, which is not one of the least of the signs that Germany has now become a country of the world (weltland), and will probably never again sink into the old particularist pettiness of "x Germans and seven opinions." The life here is simple and rational. The better class of German ladies often compare favorably with our own tasteful dress and elegant and dressmakers, who a few years ago were unendurable, now provide garments which often "fit" better than those usually seen in Boston or New York.

With all its delightful features, German life, however, has some decided faults. We often see ladies with heels so high it makes one dizzy to contemplate them, and waists laced to suffocation. Contrary, too, to usual belief, German family life is not so delightful as it is often represented. The domestic and intellectual position of women in cultivated circles is better than is usually supposed, but the German—perhaps I should say the European—is abnormally selfish, and while he is in no way averse to disturbing his fellows in the course of his pleasures and at a table d'hôte can endure the colossal din which he himself helps to make, he is otherwise often extremely exacting and dictatorial. Children are severely disciplined, and are never "troublesome." In the main they are pretty much left to themselves or to the not over-tender mercies of attendants. An American-German lady informed a friend here that her nurse abuses her baby. "Oh, yes," she replied, "I know it; but if I discharge her I shall lose her sister, the cook."—German Watering-Place Letter.

A Trade in Decorations.

The cross of the Legion of Honor, as is well known, is eagerly striven for by French civilians of the best standing. Many who find it impossible to obtain it buy or otherwise obtain orders of foreign states, in the ribbons of which red predominates. In that case they turn in the white, yellow, blue or green edges, and showing only the red, pass for knights of the Legion of Honor. Some states which trade in decorations, seeing the demand in the French market for orders with red ribbons, have created some purpose to meet it. The sultan of Zanzibar sells one ribbon of which has only on the right side a very narrow streak of white. It is very easy to turn the wrong side out.

The prefecture of police used, in more aristocratic times, to buy a good many ribbons with a good deal of red in them, for professional mouchards, to enable them to cut a respectable appearance, but it could never make up its mind to degrade the cross of the Legion of Honor by authorizing such fellows to wear it. Gen. Fathelbe having learned of the great number of persons who, owing to such artifices as have been mentioned, palm themselves off as knights of the Legion of Honor, has notified them that they will incur the loss of the foreign ribbons, and penalties varying from six months' to two years' imprisonment.—Chicago Times.

Rare Collection of Toys.

A merchant in Sharon, Me., named Goodall, who has a summer residence at Old Orchard beach, has one room devoted to a rare collection of automatic toys, and visitors come daily in large numbers to inspect them.—New York Graphic.

The Pope a Light Liver.

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